SPEAKER LUEDTKE: No, the answer to that was no because of the fact that the Executive Board is made up of district representation and therefore... The only reason we did it the first instance was to make sure we got names submitted from all over. This time we got names submitted from all over the state too, by virtue of the Executive Board itself.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke, do you wish to be recognized?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: I just want to make one more comment, Mr. President, and that is that the day is the 15th that this must be submitted and I think that we must pay attention to the fact that these people have done a very good job in setting this up and that's whether you are for this bill or not, for this procedure or not, if we are going to have it and it's going to remain on the law books then we want the best kind of operation, we want the best kind of administration and I think that probably that accounts for the submission of the name of Mimi Waldbaum because she has been the Chairman, the Chairperson of this Commission and she has done, I must say, an excellent job and is certainly deserving of having her name resubmitted along with the other names which cover the geographical areas that Senator Cullan is concerned about. I think we have done both in this and I would urge that you endorse the action of the Executive Board.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I would support Senator Cullan. I also sat on the Committee on Committees and I had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Waldbaum and I think she has done a very fine job but that still doesn't leave outstate Nebraska with any representation and if we continue this practice we will never have any because without a question, the next time there are people up for appointment, they are going to have more experience and the same procedure can happen. It is too bad that Mrs. Waldbaum's appointment comes up at this time, but that is the way the cards are stacked and I think that outstate Nebraska should have representation on this Board and I think it is time to start.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, to clear up for Senator Koch's ideas, I think we should look at a couple of different things. Senator Koch has made some good points relating to the candidacy of those appointees. Just as he and I both feel about ourselves and our own position of running for the Legislature. Just because we have done hopefully a good job does not mean there should not be someone, Senator Koch, look at those positions that we now hold. We're elected by the people. I think it is clear that the Secretary of State said for the Legislature to submit some names. Naturally there were some of us who were aware of that and knew some other people who were qualified, not saying that that present member is not qualified, not saying that they haven't done a good job, but merely in the spirit of democracy which I know that you and I both like, Senator Koch, and we will both have to go through an election to submit to the people again, the worthiness that we think that we have to offer. There are people all across the state living in Omaha and Ralston and Sidney and Big Springs who are just as qualified, who have just as much right to have